

House File 308 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 110)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility requirements for students under
2 the senior year plus program and including effective date
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261E.3, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
2 2021, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in
3 lieu thereof the following:

4 e. (1) The student, except as otherwise provided in
5 subparagraph (2), shall have demonstrated proficiency in
6 reading, mathematics, and science as evidenced by any of the
7 following:

8 (a) Achievement scores on the latest administration of the
9 state assessment for which scores are available and as defined
10 by the department.

11 (b) If the student is receiving competent private
12 instruction under chapter 299A, as evidenced by any of the
13 following:

14 (i) Submitting the written recommendation of the licensed
15 practitioner providing supervision to the student in accordance
16 with section 299A.2.

17 (ii) Achievement scores on the annual achievement
18 evaluation required under section 299A.4.

19 (iii) A selection index, which is the sum of the critical
20 reading, mathematics, and writing skills assessments, of at
21 least one hundred forty-one on the preliminary scholastic
22 aptitude test administered by the college board; a composite
23 score of at least twenty-one on the college readiness
24 assessment administered by ACT, inc.; or a sum of the critical
25 reading and mathematics scores of at least nine hundred ninety
26 on the college readiness assessment administered by the college
27 board.

28 (2) For purposes of section 261E.8, if a student is not
29 proficient in one or more of the content areas listed in
30 subparagraph (1), the school district shall adopt measures of
31 college readiness jointly agreed upon by the school board and
32 the eligible postsecondary institution through which a student
33 may demonstrate proficiency.

34 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
35 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 This bill provides an option for a student who is
5 unable to meet the proficiency requirements of the senior
6 year plus program that must otherwise be met prior to the
7 student's enrollment in a postsecondary course through
8 district-to-community college sharing or a concurrent
9 enrollment program.

10 Under the bill, the school district shall adopt measures of
11 college readiness jointly agreed upon by the school board and
12 the eligible postsecondary institution through which a student
13 may demonstrate proficiency. The bill strikes a provision
14 that authorizes a school board to establish alternative but
15 equivalent qualifying performance measures on its own.

16 The bill takes effect upon enactment.